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Dear Mike,

This is to let you know that the package came today. Many thanks.

You didn't have a return receipt on it.

I've examined the device superfilially only. I have not opened it. I'll take it to the expert who, according to the billing of an associate, can determine the origin. This will be the first time I go directly to Washington.

I assume you did not put the numbers on the case.

As of yesterday Rod was still trying to work. He hopes to be able to hold out through tomorrow before taking time off to enjoy being sick by getting in bed. He expects to be able to complete the stories on which he'd worked by then.

When he can come up again I'll let you know. Perhaps by then you will have been able to tell me if you see anything in the papers I've sent. You should have them in time to be able to go over them during or right after the weekend. I'll be back the afternoon (late) of the 22d. Perhaps I'll be able to do some phoning while I'm in Washington on the way back. I'd like the missing IG pages.

The Trib story is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I've never had anything checked out the way Rod does it. More than I do not because he thinks it is necessary but because that is what they demand. However, there is an advantage to this. When he has convinced himself that something is solid he has more confidence in it and they do, too. I rather suspect that Rod will begin by interviewing at least some of the people you suggested. He has indicated this, including here. Here it is specific. I wrote him about this after he left. When we spoke he said he would. He has been given a go-ahead.

I'll probably hold off mailing this until I leave on the trip, to permit including anything new if there is anything.

Best,

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